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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The improvised airfield southwest of Reinsdorf (N 52/E 78) was occupied by the Soviet Air Force. (1) Forty-six ground attack planes of the IL-10 type, the engines and cockpits of which were covered with tarpaulins, were standing on the northern edge of the landing field. The planes were painted dark green, and the upper edge of their rudder assemblies light blue. [] It was raining between 9:30 and 11 a.m. and no flights were made. Five tank trucks []

[] were standing on the landing field. Truck [] left the field in the direction of Jueterbog (N 52/E 69). []

2. [] a large fuel container on the southern edge of the landing field was apparently to be dug in since mounds of earth were seen nearby. [] Cantonment buildings, with a capacity of about 250 men, were occupied in the north-eastern corner of the field. Near these quarters was a wooden mast, about 5 meters high, on top of which was a device similar to a directional loop antenna which apparently was not rotatable.

3. A local resident said that a searchlight was in operation at the field some days ago. The searchlight was not observed at the landing field.

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- (1) [] Comment. The Reinsdorf airfield was used as an emergency field of the Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield by the German Air Force. Apparently it also serves as such for the Soviet Air Force because of runway construction work at the Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield.
- (2) [] Comment. For sketch of tail markings and device seen on mast, see Annex.

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- (3) ~~Comment~~. [redacted] the ground attack regiment which was previously stationed in Jueterbog-Altes Lager, was probably transferred because of construction work at that field. The Reinsdorf airfield was last occupied by a fighter unit in 1948. Since that time no air unit was reported at the field.
- (4) ~~Comment~~. If a fuel tank is to be dug in at the field it is possible that the unit will stay in Reinsdorf for some time.

1 Annex: Reinsdorf Improvised Airfield

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